

Networking at WoM

Networking is a very important part of WoM 2023. Alongside the invaluable scientific content, at WoM 2023 we are focusing specifically on networking opportunities, informal interactions, and supplementary activities, as we aim to promote collaboration and forge partnerships.

Maximize your Conference experience by actively engaging in the exciting activities we have prepared for you. If you are active, you even have the chance to win an award by taking part in our **WoM Game** in [the mobile app](#) – an opportunity not to be missed!

Thursday, 26 October

19:40 – 20:30 WELCOME RECEPTION, EXHIBITION & OFFICIAL POSTER VIEWING & DISCUSSIONS The official poster viewing and discussions will be held during the Welcome Reception and all poster presenters are kindly requested to be available at their posters to answer any questions. Use the opportunity to interact with the minds behind the posters and to gain insights into both their research and their own experiences.

Friday, 27 October

16:00 – 17:00

REFRESH AND RECONNECT BREAK **16:10 – 16:35 Coffee with the Professor** Enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee or tea with speakers chosen by you, the delegates. This exclusive opportunity allows you to meet some of our faculty members in a more relaxed and intimate setting. They are there to talk to you, offer mentorship advise, and discuss ant challenges you may be facing – don't miss out on this opportunity!

The Professors:

Kjersti Aagaard, Baylor College of Medicine, USA

Maria Carmen Collado, Institute of Agrochemistry and Food

Technology, Spain

Lindsay Hall, Quadram Institute, UK

Tim Spector, King's College London, UK

Alexandra Zhernakova, University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands

16:35 – 17:00 My journey in the WoM Have you ever pondered the paths taken by some of the most celebrated professionals in this field to reach their current status? Now is your opportunity to ask them yourself! Join our enlightening talk-show session and discover their biggest failures and successes, uncover what motivates them and find out what continues to ignite their inspiration. Moderators:

Erin Bolte, Baylor College of Medicine, USA

Michael Jochum, Baylor College of Medicine, USA The Panelists:

Rochellys Diaz Heijtz, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

David MacIntyre, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Liza Konnikova, Yale University School of Medicine, USA

Saturday, 28 October

10:35 – 10:50 An Interview with a patient: Healing thanks to research

Have you ever wondered about the real-world impact of your research efforts? Join us for a special session where you will have the privilege of hearing directly from a patient whose life was transformed through the advancements in microbiome studies. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to gain a unique perspective!

Interviewer: **Gianluca Ianiro**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

Speaker: **Luisa Grossardi**, patient of Dr Ianiro, Italy